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## **HOGSETT ANNOUNCES GASTON MAN CHARGED WITH BEING AN ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL**

*More Results in the United States Attorney's Violent Crime Initiative*

INDIANAPOLIS - Joseph H. Hogsett, United States Attorney, announced today that Rodney Adams, 44, Gaston, Ind., was indicted by a federal grand jury and charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The indictment alleges that on September 14, 2010, Adams possessed a Hi Point JHP .45 caliber semiautomatic pistol, a Harrington & Richardson Model 929 .22 caliber revolver, a Springfield Model 940E 12 gauge shotgun, and a Marlin Model 150 .22 caliber rifle. The indictment further alleges that Adams possessed these firearms after having previously been convicted of several violent felony offenses, including intimidation, resisting law enforcement, and armed robbery, in Delaware County and Madison County, Ind., state court. The charges in the indictment stem from a Gaston Police Department investigation into possible criminal activity by Adams and others. Adams was apprehended after a high-speed vehicle chase and manhunt involving the Gaston Police Department and other law enforcement agencies.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Will McCoskey, who is prosecuting the case for the United States, Adams faces a statutory minimum penalty of 15 years of imprisonment and a maximum sentence of up to life imprisonment. If convicted, Adams also faces a fine of up to \$250,000, and up to three years of supervised release upon release from imprisonment. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis. The indictment followed an investigation by the Gaston Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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